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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISTANBUL 1873

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, TU  
SUBJECT: ECEVIT RALLY IN ISTANBUL

REF: ANKARA 4260

1. DESPITE ANNOUNCEMENT BY PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL BOARD THAT TODAY'S  
REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY (RPP) RALLY I N  
ISTANBUL'S CENTRAL SQUARE (TAKSIM)  
HAD BEEN CANCELLED, AND WARNING BY DEMIREL, (SEE REFTEL) IT APPEARS  
RALLY WILL BE STAGED AS SCHEDULED. AS OF 12:00 NOON, CROWD APPROACH-  
ING 100,000 HAD ALREADY GATHERED IN TAKSIM, ALTHOUGH RPP SUB-PRO-  
VINCIAL CONTINGENTS AND SUPPORT ORGANIZATION SUCH AS LABOR UNIONS,  
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, ETC. HAD NOT AS YET BEGUN  
FILING INTO SQUARE. RPP MARSHALLS, SEVERAL THOUSAND OF WHOM HAVE  
BEEN DETAILED BY PARTY TO ASSIST IN POLICING MEETING, ARE AT VARIOUS  
ENTRANCES TO TAKSIM AND ARE STATIONED THROUGHOUT SQUARE. WE UNDER-  
STAND ECEVIT HAS ARRIVED AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT.

2. SECURITY PRECAUTIONS ARE EXTRAORDINARY. POLICE AND JANDARMA ARE  
STATIONED IN FORCE AT EVERY ENTRANCE TO TAKSIM WITH RIOT CONTROL  
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VEHICLES AND ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AT STRATEGIC POINTS.  
PERSONS ENTERING SQUARE ARE FRISKED FOR WEAPONS. IN ADDITION, ALL  
SURROUNDING TALL BUILDINGS ARE MANNED BY POLICE AND JANDARMA WITH  
AUTOMTIC WEAPONS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS PLAIN-CLOTHES POLICEMEN  
AROUND SQUARE AND IN BUILDINGS WITH BINOCULARS SURVEYING CROWD AND  
WINDOWS FACING GATHERING AND RESERVES OF JANDARMA STATIONED DIRECTLY  
BEHIND SQUARE. POLICE IN LARGE NUMBERS ARE SCATTERED ALL ALONG ROUTE

PARTY CHARIAMN BULENT ECIVIT WILL REPORTEDLY USE TO ENTER TAKSIM FOR HIS ADDRESS.

3. IN SHORT, APPEARS THAT VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID VIOLENT INCIDENT IS BEING DONE BY AUTHORITIES -- SECURITY MEASURES FAR EXCEED ANYTHING WE HAVE SEEN BEFORE -- EVEN THOUGH WITH ELECTORAL BOARD DECISION, MEETING APPARENTLY BEING CONDUCTED ILLEGALLY. GATHERING CROWD APPEARS TENSE, BUT RPP FAITHFUL ARE OBVIOUSLY UNDETERRED BY THREAT OF VIOLENCE AS THEY MASS TO MAKE TAKSIM RALLY IMPRESSIVE AFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR ECEVIT.

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